

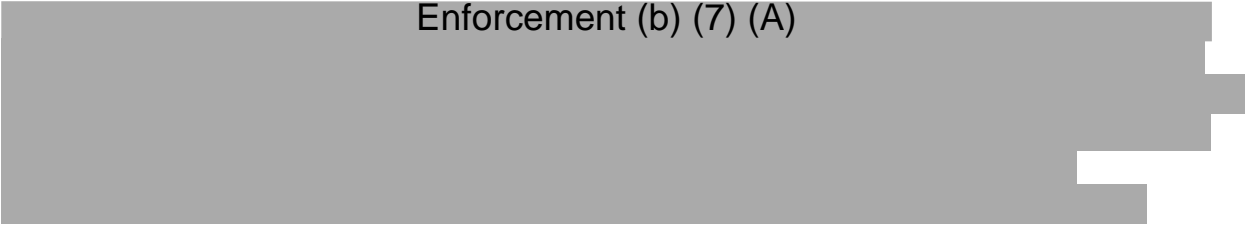
WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week Ending December 16, 2016
Water Division

Significant Items for Last Week (December 12-16)

Addressing Water Quality Impairments from Agriculture in San Francisco Bay: On December 12th, we sent comments to the Regional Water Quality Control Board regarding the Vineyard Waste Discharge Requirement (WDR) for the Napa River and Sonoma Creek Watersheds. We are supportive of the Water Board's efforts to address sediment TMDLs in both watersheds and restore habitat for steelhead and Chinook salmon. We also recommended a focus on watershed-wide monitoring (rather than specific BMP effectiveness monitoring) and a more user-friendly and affordable reporting mechanism. (Yelensky, 2-3021)

Lake Tahoe Restoration Act (LTRA) Reauthorized: Congress approved the Water Resources Development Act/Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, which includes reauthorization of the LTRA and \$415 million of investments over seven years to improve Lake Tahoe's water clarity. Currently the reauthorization has no appropriated funds. If appropriations follow, EPA's primary role will be to collaborate with USFS and the Army Corps of Engineers to administer \$113 million for stormwater management, erosion control, and watershed restoration programs. We would also assist with prioritizing \$80 million of Environmental Improvement Program expenditures, help administer EPA-sponsored projects, and participate in effectiveness monitoring and reporting. (Landy, 775-589-5248)

Enforcement (b) (7) (A)



(Angeles, 2-3441)

Seeking Public Comment for Town of Chino Valley Project: On November 20th, we initiated a 30-day public comment period for our NEPA analysis of the Town of Chino Valley, Arizona special appropriations project to construct a new drinking water line to serve its residents. (Kahan, 2-3143)

Significant Items for This Week (December 19-23)

Lake Tahoe Restoration: On December 16th, we will attend the third annual Tahoe TMDL Program Adjustment Adoption Meeting in Carson City, NV. Senior leadership from the Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board and Nevada Department of Environmental Protection will decide on several adjustments to the stormwater crediting and stormwater monitoring programs, and adopt the draft *2017 TMDL Annual Strategy*. We have provided comments on the need for greater transparency on the status of TMDL implementation activities, crediting program implementation, and wetland restoration performance reporting. (Landy, 775-589-5248)

Other Information

Division Director Schedule (December 19-23): Internal Personnel (b) (2) .